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## **Hensarling Calls on President Bush to Call Special Session of Congress to Address Gas Prices**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), Chairman of the House Republican Study Committee, today urged President Bush to call a special session of Congress after the House adjourned without allowing a vote on comprehensive legislation to address the nation's current energy crisis and help the millions of Americans currently feeling pain at the gas pump:

**“Families are feeling the pain of the high costs of energy and have been forced to postpone their summer vacations and Congress should do the same. Instead of taking a month-long vacation, Speaker Pelosi and other Democrat House Leaders must allow an up or down vote so that we can reduce our dependence on foreign oil and bring down the price of gas at the pump.**

**“It is a dereliction of duty for Speaker Pelosi and the Democrats to adjourn Congress before taking action to alleviate the pain that all Americans currently face at the pump. At a bare minimum, the Speaker should stop blocking Republican efforts to lower gases prices by allowing an up or down vote on a comprehensive plan that would the supply of American energy. We need conservation, but not just conservation. We need renewable energy, but not just renewable. We need alternatives, but not just alternatives. We need to produce energy in America for Americans so we can drive down the cost of gas and increase our energy independence.**

**“Republicans stand with the American people who are feeling the pain at the pump and are tired of being told ‘no’ by Speaker Pelosi and the Democrat Congress. If the Speaker won’t keep the House in session to address gas prices, I urge President Bush to call an immediate special session of Congress on behalf of families across our country.”**

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*Congressman Jeb Hensarling is Chairman of the Republican Study Committee (RSC).*